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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6783**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 527

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Board of Animal Health issues.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Jackman

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides the Board of Animal Health (BAH) with authority over pests of animals and objects that could harbor a pest or disease. The bill allows the BAH to pay certain indemnity costs related to condemned animals and objects, including disposal and disinfection costs. It prohibits indemnity in certain circumstances. This bill also removes the limit on the amount payable for cattle because of tuberculosis. The bill also amends definitions of "dairy farm" and "milk plant". It allows the BAH to suspend various milk permits. The bill changes the expiration date of various milk permits. It repeals certain definitions. The bill also makes technical amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill makes several changes to the administration and authority of the BAH. This bill provides the BAH with authority over pests of animals and objects that could harbor a pest or disease affecting the health of animals. Among other provisions, the bill gives the BAH the general supervision over of the detection, control, and eradication of pests affecting the health of animals, including to investigate allegations of unregistered, unlicensed, and unpermitted activities. The bill defines "pest" as, among other provisions, a plant that can directly or indirectly injure, cause damage to, or cause disease in animals. This definition could result in some overlap of responsibility between the BAH and the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology. The BAH may hold, seize, quarantine, treat, destroy, dispose of, or take other remedial action with respect to any animal or progeny of any animal, object, or means of conveyance that the BAH has reason to believe may carry or have carried, or may have been affected by or exposed to any disease or pest of animals. Among other provisions, the bill allows the BAH to pay the cost of transporting, testing, treating, euthanizing, destroying, and disposing of

infected, exposed, or suspect animals and objects. It is possible that if outbreaks occur that pertain to the pests that affected the health of animals that the BAH would need additional funds and resources. Currently, the BAH is limited to seven field inspectors. In some cases, the BAH could seek the assistance of the DNR or contract for testing services as it currently does.

The bill also conforms state law regarding the use of the BAH's Indemnity Fund to the Board's current practice. It also removes the limit on the amount that can be paid for cattle due to tuberculosis. The changes are not expected to increase payments made from the Indemnity Fund. The Board received a General Fund appropriation of \$49,430 for the FY 2004-FY 2005 biennium.

The BAH may adopt emergency rules to implement the above provisions. It is expected that the BAH will be able to absorb any additional expenses associated with rules given its existing budget and resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** BAH.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** BAH; DNR.

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